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SUBJ: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO

REF: TEHRAN 3522 (DTG 080710Z APR 76)

1. ON APRIL 13, LT. GEN. MASSUMI, DEPUTY MINISTER OF WAR, CALLED IN POL/MIL COUNSELOR TO ASK TWO QUESTIONS ON PROPOSED TRANSFER OF F-5AS AND 155 MM HOWITZERS TO JORDAN FOR MOROCCO:
A. ONE OF SIX AIRCRAFT TO BE TRANSFERRED WAS MAP-ORIGIN. WOULD U.S. APPROVE THAT TRANSFER AS WELL AS THAT OF FIVE FMS-ORIGIN PLANES?
B. IIGF HAD NOW RECEIVED SHAH'S ORDER TO MOVE HOWITZERS TO JORDAN OR MOROCCO AND NEEDED ADVICE AS TO HOW MOVEMENT SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. SHOULD GUNS BE SENT TO JORDAN OR DIRECTLY TO MOROCCO? SHOULD THEY BE SENT BY AIR OR SHIP? (PRESUMABLY, SHIPMENT COSTS WOULD BE PAID BY MOROCCO, ALTHOUGH MASSUMI MADE NO MENTION OF THIS.) SHOULD THESE DETAILS BE WORKED OUT DIRECTLY WITH MOROCCANS? MASSUMI STRESSED THAT IIGF HAD NO EXPERIENCE IN THIS SORT OF TRANSFER AND COULD USE ALL THE DETAILED ADVICE IT COULD GET.

2. WE REPLIED THAT, TO OUR BEST KNOWLEDGE, PROCEDURES FOR CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATION WERE STILL BEING WORKED OUT.
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SAID WE WOULD REQUEST ANSWERS TO HIS QUESTIONS.

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3. IN ADDITION TO REQUESTED INFORMATION, COULD WE PLEASE
HAVE STATUS REPORT ON THIS TRANSACTION?
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